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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIES TO RABIN'S CRITICISM

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1. IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON AUGUST 12, SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON DECLARED, IN RESPONSE TO ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S CRITICISM (REFTTEL), THAT "THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN A STAND ON THE PART OF ANY OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR. ON THE CONTRARY WE HAVE IN VARIOUS WAYS URGED THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO CEASE FIGHTING AND TO START NEGOTIATIONS."

2. ANDERSSON ADDED THAT "WE HAVE ALSO SOUGHT TO SUPPORT THE RED CROSS IN ITS EFFORTS TO EVACUATE THE SICK, THE WOUNDED, WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM TEL AL-ZAATAR. WE HAVE AS WELL INVESTIGATED WHICH POSSIBILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF A HUMANITARIAN PLEA FROM THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL." HE  
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EXPLAINED THAT THESE ACTIONS OF SWEDEN DO NOT IMPLY

ANY TAKING OF A POSITION IN THE CONFLICT, BUT ARE THE  
PRODUCT OF "PURELY HUMANITARIAN AIMS."

3. ALLUDING TO RABIN'S COMMENTS OF SWEDEN'S FOCUS OF  
ATTENTION ON TEL AL-ZAATAR, ANDERSSON POINTED OUT  
THAT "IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT WE SHOWED AN INTEREST  
FOR THE SWEDISH CITIZENS IN THE CAMP. IT IS EVERY  
GOVERNMENT'S DUTY TO TRY TO PROTECT THE LIFE AND  
SECURITY OF ITS CITIZENS."

4. IN THE SAME CONNECTION THE GOS ANNOUNCED THAT IT  
WILL GIVE 1 MILLION SWEDISH KRONOR (\$1 EQUALS  
APPROXIMATELY 4.4 SKR) TO THE RED CROSS TO SUPPORT  
ITS OPERATIONS IN LEBANON, AND THAT IT WILL MAKE AN  
EXTRA CONTRIBUTION OF 2 MILLION SKR. TO THE UN  
ORGANIZATION HELPING THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES.  
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